

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 8-15 are in the application. Claims 1-7 have been canceled. Claims 8-15 have been added. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to the Abstract. Applicant has prepared a new Abstract, which is attached hereto on a separate page.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Brickman. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 8-15 claim a sclerophyllic mesh having sharp points that are electrowelded at intersections of the mesh. Support for these claims can be found in the specification on page 2.

Brickman discloses a mesh having sharp points joined by welding at certain spots other than the intersections. The sharp points are double and protrude from one side of the plane of the

mesh.

The mesh described in new claim 8 differs from that of Brickman in that:

- The bars or wires of Brickman are welded, while the bars or wires of the present patent application are electrowelded.
- The sharp points of Brickman are made by cutting certain bars or wires on a bias and subsequently bending them (US 2,669,406, column 2, lines 2-7). This process renders a mesh in which the sharp points are not located at the intersections but at a certain spot along the relevant wire or bar necessary other than the intersections. The present invention, on the other hand, provides the sharp points at the intersections of the mesh, thus making at each intersection a joint of three bars or wires which provides the mesh with improved strength.
- The manufacturing process of the mesh of Brickman is such that the length of the sharp points depends on the distance between longitudinal strands. Thus, the sharp points may either be too long, being dangerous to animals and people, or too short

to carry out its intended function. On the other hand, the sclerophyllic mesh of the present invention allows forming the sharp points of a desired length without any waste of material.

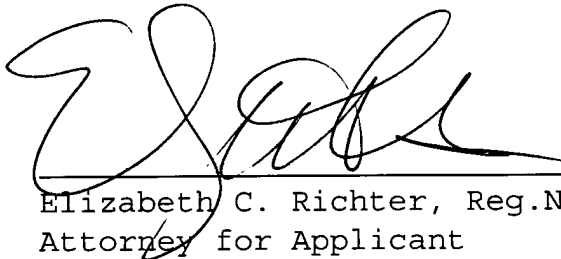
Consequently, the Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 8, and new claims 9-15 which depend therefrom are not anticipated by Brickman.

If one skilled in the art was asked to improve the strength of the mesh of Brickman, he may have thought of using thicker wires, or making them in a different, stronger material. However, changing the location of the sharp points or the joining process involves an inventive step which the person skilled in the art is not capable of.

Alternatively, if asked to modify the length of the sharp points, a person skilled in the art would either cut away part of the sharp points, if they are too long, creating a great quantity of waste, or else separate the longitudinal strands in order to produce longer sharp points, thus rendering the mesh weaker.

Accordingly Applicant submits that claims 8-15 are
patentable over the cited art.

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